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Rich Hill School
Strawn
Private

ca. 1890

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Rich Hill School

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Pig's Ear Rd. W side, approx. 1.5 mi. S of Strawn

CITY, TOWN

Strawn

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Rich Hill School is located immediately N of U.S. Rt. 48 on the original route of Pig's Ear Road. The road has been rerouted to the E to cross Rt. 48 via a new bridge.

The school is a one story, gable-roofed building measuring two bays long by one bay wide. The gable-end facade points SE and is covered by a gable-roofed, enclosed storm porch with an entrance door on its NE elev.

The school rests on a cut stone foundation and is covered with turquoise German siding. The windows are four over four sash with simple cornices and plain board surrounds. The roof is covered with tar paper.

A brick stove chimney rises from the center of the building. The gable-roofed storm porch rests on log piers and is covered with turquoise German siding. On its SW elevation is a two over two sash window. On its NE elevation, above the entrance door, is a wooden, V-shaped rain gutter, resting on two wooden supports which extend from the wall.

The interior of the school is unknown. The building is now a private residence.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Ca. 1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to Paul T. Calderwood's "Community Schools of Garrett County" in the Glades Star, the Rich Hill School was designated School #9 in District 5. The school appears on official Board of Education lists as early as 1903. The trustees at that time were Harrison Brown, Jacob E. Bowser, and Amaziah Turney. Also given are the names of the owners of the land on which the school stood. It may have been that the county never owned the school or its land.

Local residents conjecture that the present building was erected no earlier than 1890. According to Scharf, School #9 was known in 1881 as the Schrock School, but this may have been another school.

The school was closed in 1950, and the pupils were bussed to Accident. The teacher at that time was Miss Freda Hone. The construction of U.S. Rt. 48 took the school's spring and playground, but the original road is still intact to several yards S of the schoolhouse.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Calderwood, Paul T. "Community Schools of Garrett County," Glades Star,
V. 4, No. 25 (June 1975), pp. 585-597.

Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Western Maryland, 1882, rpt. (Baltimore:
Regional Publishing, 1968), V. 2, p. 1536.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

April 1981

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis,

STATE

Maryland 21401

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SE & NE elevs.



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NW & SW elevs.



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RICH HILL SCHOOL, in Strawn

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